

## Patent Claims

1. A storage case for at least one picture -, audio -, or data carrying  
5 medium such as, for example, a compact disc or DVD, with two  
base elements each substantially right-angled and connected  
with one another along a first longitudinal edge (10) via a linkage  
(9a, 9b) and enclosing therebetween an inner space for  
receiving therein a picture - audio - or data carrying medium,  
10 whereby the first base element (1) retains at least one data  
carrier (13) and the therewith corresponding retaining means  
and the second base element (2) is a cover, which, in the closed  
condition of the storage case, closes the inner space of the  
storage case, and with a securement piece (20) located  
15 between the inner sides, (23, 17) of the base elements (1, 2)  
that are turned toward each other and that can be withdrawn out  
of the storage case, which secures the base elements against  
one another in the region of the second longitudinal edge (11)  
that is turned away from the first longitudinal edge (10),  
20 characterized in that a first securement structure (21), which is  
fixedly connected with the first base element (1) and extends  
into the inner space, engages the securement piece (20) on the  
side thereof turned toward the second base element (2) and a  
second securement structure (22), which is fixedly connected

with the second base element (2) and extends into the inner space, engages the securement piece (20) on the side thereof turned toward the first base element (1).

- 5           2. A storage case according to claim 1, characterized in that each  
base element (1, 2) is assembled together from a base surface  
(8 or, respectively, 7) extending parallel to the picture -, audio -,  
or data carrying medium as well as end walls (3, 4, 5, 6)  
extending perpendicular to the base surface and enclosing the  
storage case along their small sides, and that the securement  
structures (21, 22) are unitarily formed on the base surfaces (8,  
7) and project therefrom into the inner space of the storage  
case.
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- 15           3. A storage case according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in  
that the first securement structure (21) projects in an arcuate  
shape into the inner space.
- 20           4. A storage case according to one of the claims 1-3, characterized  
in that the second securement structure (22) projects in the form  
of a hook-shaped bent latch into the inner space.
5. A storage case according to one of the preceding claims,  
characterized in that the securement piece (20) is a rod that

extends parallel to the second longitudinal edge (11).

6. A storage case according to claim 5, characterized in that the rod extends substantially along the entire length of the second longitudinal edge (11) and the securement structures (21, 22) are located both in the region of the one end as well as in the region of the other end of the second longitudinal edge (11).  
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7. A storage case according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the securement piece (20) is blocked in the withdrawal direction in a positive fit manner against at least one of the base elements (1, 2).  
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8. A storage case according to claim 7, characterized in that the securement piece (20) is blocked in the withdrawal direction via a spring-biased blocking piece 27 extending transverse to the withdrawal direction.  
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9. A storage case according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the blocking piece (27) is comprised of a magnetizable metal and is secured to the securement piece (20).  
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10. A storage case according to one of the preceding claims,

characterized in that the housing of the storage case is provided with an opening through which the securement piece (20) can be withdrawn and that the securement piece (20) is provided with a plate (25) which closes the opening in the securement position of the storage case.

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11. A storage case according to claim 10 in connection with claim 8 or claim 9, characterized in that the blocking piece (27) is arranged directly behind the plate on the securement piece (20).

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12. A storage case according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that one of the pair of the securement structures (21, 22) is formed unitarily with a latch (18) that extends along the inner side (17) of the second base element (2) and serves as a retaining latch for a folio (16) or book disposed on the inner side (17).

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13. A storage case according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first and the second securement structures are offset relative to one another in the longitudinal direction of the securement piece (20).

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14. A storage case according to claim 13 characterized via a first securement structure (21) formed in a pair-like manner,

whereby, as viewed in the longitudinal direction of the securement piece (20), the second securement structure (22) extends between this pair.

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